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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Bringsjord et al.

Serial No.: 09/471,689

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Examiner: Kelvin Booker

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC COMPUTATION CREATIVITY AND SPECIFICALLY FOR STORY GENERATION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2002, please amend the above- identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method of automatically generating a story, comprising:

selecting a theme of said story;

examining elements of said theme and instantiating said theme; and

using said theme to select and control other aspects of the story generation, including a plot of said story which employs knowledge-generated characteristics, relationships, and events.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

generating a story based on an input from a language generator.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

identifying various classes of knowledge, a set of computational entities and their

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